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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON IMMEDIATE

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FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILY, CB, VS

SUBJ: SPECIAL CONVOY

1. AFTER COUNTRY TEAM REVIEW, EMBASSY HAS CONCLUDED THAT WITHOUT A SPECIAL RICE CONVOY, PHNOM PENH STOCKS WILL FALL BELOW THE SAFETY POINT AND DROP TO A DANGEROUSLY LOW POINT OF ONLY 7 DAYS' SUPPLY ON DECEMBER 28 AND THIS INCLUDES 2,000 MT NOW AGROUND ON THE MEKONG. IF THE 2,000 TONS NOW GROUNDED ARE NOT SAVED, IT WILL FALL TO A MERE 4 DAYS ON THAT DATE. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE ENEMY DRY SEASON OFFENSIVE IS NOW BEGINNING A TEACHERS' STRIKE IS IN PROGRESS AND THERE IS ONLY A CARETAKER GOVERNMENT, WE CONSIDER A SPECIAL CONVOY IS WARRANTED.

2. WITHOUT A RANDOM OR SPECIAL CONVOY, WE WILL ALSO BE FACED WITH AN UNACCEPTABLE PORT DISCHARGE PROBLEM WHEN THE NEXT REGULAR

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CONVOY ARRIVES. THE REGULAR CONVOY WOULD ARRIVE PHNOM PENH

WITH AS MANY AS 12 RICE VESSELS/BARGES CARRYING APPROXIMATELY 20,000 MT, DOUBLE THE MAXIMUM WEEKLY OFFLOADING CAPACITY OF PHNOM PENH PORT.

3. PER TELCON THIS DAY WITH ADCCA/LOG-USAID/SAIGON, WE UNDERSTAND 5 VESSELS/BARGES ARE NOW LOADED WITH TOTAL 8,537 TONS OF RICE AND ARE FULLY READY TO SAIL FROM VUNG TAU EARLY DECEMBER 22 WITH ETA PHNOM PENH DECEMBER 24.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY SAIGON VERIFY AND CONFIRM ABOVE AVAILABILITY OF READY TO SAIL RICE VESSELS. WE ANTICIPATE ONE AMMO BARGE AND 2 POL VESSELS WOULD ALSO ARRIVE ON THIS SPECIAL CONVOY. UPON VERIFICATION PLEASE ADVISE THE GVN THAT A SPECIAL CONVOY WITH ETD VUNG TAU DECEMBER 22 IS UNAVOIDABLE AND REQUEST ARRANGEMENTS FOR IT BE MADE.
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